



Docket No. 2976-4037US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Tim KEITH et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 10/743,704

Examiner: Katherine D. Salmon

Filed: December 22, 2003

For: NOVEL HUMAN GENES RELATING TO RESPIRATORY DISEASES AND OBESITY

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 24, 2006, in which pending claims 1-33 were subjected to an election, applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the process claims of **Group 1 (claims 1-15, 20-21, 27, and 32)**, and further elect **SEQ ID NO:4 having SNP of SEQ ID NO:49**.

Applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including September 24, 2006. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, September 25, 2006 without additional extension fees.

**Remarks** that begin on page 2 of this paper.

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